

respondence affecting the business of the Council on "Pudukottai State Service" unpaid to the Secretary to the Legislative Council;

(b) and if the Government is not aware, whether the Government will enquire and find out the fact, and whether the Government will consider the matter of extending that privilege to the non-official Members of our Legislative Council?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

The rule regarding supplementary questions.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether any steps have been taken by the Government on the representation made in the Legislative Council by the non-official Members of the Council in the budget session and in subsequent meetings of the Council that, as in the Madras Legislative Council, the Coorg Legislative Council, the Pudukottai Legislative Council and most other Legislative Councils in India, not only the Member putting a question, but any other Member of the Council desiring to put supplementary questions, should be permitted to do so by modifying our rule governing supplementary questions, and if no steps have been taken, whether steps will soon be taken to modify the present rule, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not doing so?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—No steps have been taken. The Government are not convinced that the present rule requires modification, and they do not, therefore, propose to make any alteration in it now. They will, however, watch the working of the rule for a reasonable time, and make suitable modification, if found necessary.

The absence of Members from the sittings of the Council.

107. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased

(a) to order protection of M. L. C.s as a parliamentary privilege from civil warrants, etc., during the Council sessions, as the constituencies are liable to be affected by their absence in case such orders of arrest are issued?

(b) If the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to order re-election of their constituency or constituencies whose member chanced to be a judgment-debtor with a warrant of arrest issued once?

(c) Regard being had to the fact that some of the Members of this Council had absented themselves from the sitting for